

REMARKS

The present application was returned to the Examiner after the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences (the Board) rendered its opinion in a Decision dated February 16, 2010. In the Decision, the Board sustained the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 5-9, 13-17, 20-22, and 26-31, and reversed the rejection of claims 2-4, 10-12, 18, 19, and 23-25.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the independent claims have been canceled by the Examiner. Applicant presents herein claim amendments that which Applicant believes puts the remaining claims in allowable condition.

Conclusion

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. In view of the amendments presented herein, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to applicant's Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted

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